Additional Central Assistance to Andhra Pradesh

3136. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to Andhra Pradesh for specified projects in addition to the funds provided under Annual Plans of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and project-wise; and

(c) what is the present status of each of these projects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. Additional Central Assistance provided to State Governments for specified projects form part of the Annual Plans of the States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Identification of BPL people in States

3137. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a dispute between almost all the States and Planning Commission so far as the number of people living below the poverty line in such States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for huge gaps in the findings of States and Planning Commission; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to resolve the issue between States and Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The comparable estimates of the number of BPL families estimated by the Planning Commission and BPL families identified by the State Governments are not available. The Planning Commission estimates poverty for the years for which NSS data on Planning household consumer expenditure from the large surveys is available and the latest such data is available for the year 1999-2000 (55th Round). The State Governments estimate BPL families at the